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- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment
- > Appointment of Associates
- > Response to Office Action Dated December 23, 2003

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Docket No. PD-200031
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In re Application of: Ming U. Chang, et al.
Serial No. 09/584,012
Filed: May 30, 2000
For: Multi-Node Wireless Communication System with Multiple
Transponding Platforms

Date: March 2, 2004
Group Art Unit: 2682
Examiner: Craver, Charles R.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X No additional fee for claims is required.

X The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED				ADDITIONAL FEE
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus	3** =	0 x	\$ 86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0 +	\$ 280.00	\$

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: \$

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Respectfully submitted,

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Also Enclosed: Appointment of Associate

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please enter the
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